

October 6, 2005

Montana Medicaid Notice

Critical Access and Exempt Hospitals

Unbundling

Montana Medicaid has until now required all hospital providers to:

- Bundle outpatient hospital services, other than diagnostic services, that are provided within the 24 hours preceding the inpatient hospital admission, into the inpatient claim, and
- Bundle diagnostic services, including clinical diagnostic laboratory tests, provided within 72 hours prior to the date of admission, into the inpatient claim.

However, that is no longer the case for critical access and exempt hospitals. Effective immediately the 24-hour and 72-hour bundling rules located at ARM 37.86.2918 (4) and (5) no longer apply to critical access and exempt hospital claims. This applies to critical access and exempt hospital claims **processed** on or after October 6, 2005.

Please contact the department at (406) 444-4540 if you have questions about this notice.

Contact Information

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

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